

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 MANAGU 01881 211925Z  
ACTION ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 INRE-00 ICAE-00  
CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-02 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00  
PA-02 SP-02 SS-15 AID-05 TRSE-00 PC-05 HA-05  
/069 W

-----000655 211933Z /47

O R 211738Z APR 78  
FM AMEMBASSY MANAGUA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6372  
INF AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA  
AMEMBASSY SANJOSE  
AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR  
AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

UNCLAS MANAGUA 1881

E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: SHUM, PINT, PINS, NU  
SUBJECT: DISTURBANCES IN MANAGUA

REF: MANAGUA 1854

1. IT APPEARS THE EVENTS OF THE MORNING OF APRIL 20 WERE NEITHER  
COORDINATED NOR INDICATIVE OF A NEW WAVE OF GENERALIZED DISTURBANCES.  
IN CONTRAST THEY WERE SYMPTOMATIC OF THE CURRENT PROCESS OF SPORADIC  
PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS AND OCCASIONAL VIOLENCE.

2. THE NUMBER OF PERSONS REPORTED KILLED IN THE BELLA CRUZ SUBURB  
HAS INCREASED TO THREE (GN REPORT). THE GN VERSION OF THAT EVENT  
DIFFERS SIGNIFICANTLY FROM THE RADIO VERSION IN WHICH NUMEROUS  
PERSONS WHO REMAINED ANONYMOUS SAID THEY HAD BEEN EYEWITNESSES TO  
A KILLING OF UNARMED CIVILIANS BY THE GN. THE GN VERSION IS THAT A  
PATROL JEEP WAS DAMAGED BY BOMBS WHEN IT WAS FORCED TO STOP AT A  
BARRICADE. (LA PRENSA REPORTAGE SUPPORTS THIS STATEMENT.) REINFORCE-  
MENTS WERE CALLED, AND WHEN A JEEP NEARED THE INDUSTRIAL PLANT,  
SOLECTRA (NOT LA SELECTA AS REPORTED), IT WAS FIRED ON. THE GN PRO-  
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 MANAGU 01881 211925Z

CEDED TO GIVE CHANGE TO THE FLEEING ATTACKERS, AND THE RESULT,  
ACCORDING TO THE TN, WAS THREE DEAD AND SEVERAL CAPTURED, SOME OF  
WHOM WERE IDENTIFIED AS FSLN. THE GN SAYS THE ATTACKERS OF THE JEEP  
HAD ONE PISTOL AS WELL AS PIPE BOMBS.

3. IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT HOME-MADE FRAGMENTATION BOMBS WERE THROWN AT  
THE GN, THAT REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVED, THE ATTACKERS FLED, AND THAT

THE GN EVENTUALLY CAUGHT UP WITH SEVERAL OF THEM RESULTING IN SEVERAL ARRESTED AND THREE DEAD. THE ALLEGATION THAT TWO OF THE DEAD WERE UNARMED AND BEATEN AND KILLED AFTER CAPTURE IS NOT ADDRESSED IN THE GN COMMUNIQUE. THE GN HAS ESTABLISHED A MILITARY INVESTIGATORY BOARD TO STUDY THIS INCIDENT.

4. THE REPORT OF RIOTING ON THE NORTH HIGHWAY IN EASTER MANGUA APPARENTLY RESULTED FROM AN INCIDENT IN WHICH TWO MEN SET FIRE TO AND DESTROYED A BUS. HOWEVER, THERE WAS ALSO EARLIER A BOMB SET OFF IN THE SAME AREA AT THE NABISCO PLANT INJURING SEVERAL PERSONS AND LATER OTHER BUSES IN OTHER AREAS WERE ALSO BURNED.

5. THE GN DISRUPTED DEMONSTRATIONS OF STUDENTS AND WOMEN (AMPRONAC) IN A POOR NEIGHBORHOOD, AND THERE WERE PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS IN MASAYA AND LEON THE PRECEDING EVENING. THE PROTESTS IN MASAYA RESULTED WHEN THE GN REMOVED STUDENTS FROM ONE OF THE OCCUPIED PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

SOLAUN

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** CIVIL DISORDERS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 21 apr 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978MANAGU01881  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780171-0613  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** MANAGUA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780431/aaaabacv.tel  
**Line Count:** 80  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** df19efa9-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION ARA  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 78 MANAGUA 1854  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 29 mar 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** N/A  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2893669  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** DISTURBANCES IN MANAGUA  
**TAGS:** SHUM, PINT, PINS, NU  
**To:** STATE GUATEMALA  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/df19efa9-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014